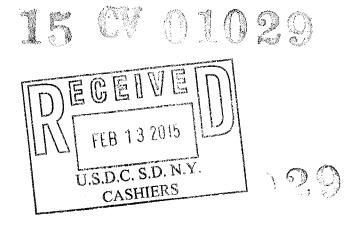
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STARR INDEMNITY & LIABILITY COMPANY, a/s/o GENERAL COCOA COMPANY, a division of COFFEE AMERICA (USA) CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

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**COMPLAINT** 

M/V "NEDLLOYD VALENTINA", M/V "NEDLLOYD ADRIANA" and M/V "MAERSK NITEROI", their engines, boilers, etc. *in rem* and A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S trading as MAERSK LINE and MAERSK del ECUADOR as agent for A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S, *in personam*,

Defendants.
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Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, as and for their complaint herein, allege, upon information and belief, as follows:

<u>First:</u> All and singular, the following premises are true and constitute an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and are within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States and of this honorable court.

Second: At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff Starr Indemnity & Liability Company ("Starr") had and now has the legal status and principal office and place of business stated in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, annexed hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Third: At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff General Cocoa, a division of Coffee America (USA) Corporation ("General Cocoa") had and now has the legal status and principal office and place of business stated in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C annexed hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Fourth: At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, defendants had and now have the legal status and office and place of business stated in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C were and now are engaged in business as a common carrier of merchandise by water for hire, and owned, operated, managed, chartered and/or otherwise controlled the vessel above named as a common carrier of merchandise by water for hire.

Fifth: At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, the said vessels were and now are general ships employed in the common carriage of merchandise by water for hire and now are or will be, during the pendency of this action, within this District and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

Sixth: On or about the date at the port of shipment stated in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, there was shipped by the shipper therein named and delivered to defendants and the said vessel, as common carriers, the shipments described in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, then being in good condition, and defendants and the said vessels then and there accepted said shipments so shipped and delivered to them and in consideration of certain agreed freight charges thereupon paid or agreed to be paid, agreed to transport and carry

the said shipments to the port of destination stated in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, there deliver the same in like good order and condition as when shipped, delivered to and received by them, to the consignees named in Schedule A and Schedule B and Schedule C.

Seventh: Thereafter, the said vessels arrived at the port of destination, where defendants failed to make delivery of the shipments, all in violation of defendants' and the said vessels' obligation and duties as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire.

**Eighth:** Plaintiff Starr was and is the underwriter of the shipper, consignee or owner of the shipments described in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C and brings this action on its own behalf and as agent or trustee on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who may be or become interested in the said shipments, as their respective interests may ultimately appear and is entitled to maintain this action.

Ninth: By reason of the premises, plaintiffs have sustained damages, as nearly as the same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded, in the sums of \$30,525.97, \$30,302.95 and \$13,817.63 on the losses described in Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, respectively.

## WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray:

- 1. That process in due form of law may issue against defendants citing them to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;
- 2. That if defendants cannot be found within this District, then all their property within this District as shall be described in Schedule A, be attached in the amount of \$30,525.97 as shall be described in Schedule B, be attached in the amount of \$30,302.95, and as shall be described in Schedule C, be attached in the amount of \$13,817.63, with interest thereon and costs, the sums sued for in this complaint;

3. That judgment may be entered in favor of plaintiffs against defendants for the amount of

plaintiffs' damages, together with interest and costs and the disbursements of this action;

That process in due form of law, according to the practice of this court in causes of

admiralty and maritime claims, may issue against said vessel, her engines, etc., and that

all persons having or claiming any interest therein be cited to appear and answer under

oath, all and singular the matters aforesaid, and that this court will be pleased to

pronounce judgment in favor of plaintiffs for their damages as aforesaid, with interest,

costs and disbursements and that the said vessels may be condemned and sold to pay

therefore; and

5. That this court will grant to plaintiffs such other and further relief as may be just and

proper.

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Dated: New York, New York

February 12, 2015

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To: A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S trading as
Maersk Line
2 Giralda Farms
Madison Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940-0880

Maersk del Ecuador, CA as agent for A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S c/o Maersk Line 2 Giralda Farms Madison Avenue Madison, NJ 07940-0880

#### SCHEDULE A

### Plaintiff's legal status and place of business

Plaintiff, Starr Indemnity & Liability Company, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States, with an office and place of business at 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Plaintiff, General Cocoa, a division of Coffee America (USA) Corporation, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with offices at 30 Wall Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10005 is the importer of record and owner of the shipment described below.

#### Defendants' legal status and place of business

Defendant, Maersk del Ecuador, CA, as agent for A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S with an office and place of business c/o Maersk Line, 2 Giraldi Farms, Madison Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940-0880 was and is the owner, time charterer and/or operator of M/V NEDLLOYD VALENTINA.

Defendant, A.P. Moller-Maersk trading as Maersk Line, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with an office and place of business c/o Maersk Line, 2 Giraldi Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940-0880 was and is the owner, time charterer and/or operator of M/V NEDLLOYD VALENTINA.

Name of Vessel : NEDLLOYD VALENTINA, v. 1314

Ports of Loading : Guayaquil

Port of Discharge : Rotterdam/Antwerp B/L Number : MAEU866220134 Dated : November 5, 2013

Container Numbers : MRKU4206077; MRKU3526029

Nature of Claim : Cargo Damage Claim Amount : \$30,525.97

Description of Shipment:Ecuadorian Cocoa BeansShipper:La Nueva Casa del Cacao, SAConsignee:General Cocoa/Molinbergnatie

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#### SCHEDULE B

### Plaintiff's legal status and place of business

Plaintiff, Starr Indemnity & Liability Company, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States, with an office and place of business at 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Plaintiff, General Cocoa, a division of Coffee America (USA) Corporation, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with offices at 30 Wall Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10005 is the importer of record and owner of the shipment described below.

# Defendants' legal status and place of business

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Defendant, A.P. Moller-Maersk trading as Maersk Line, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with an office and place of business c/o Maersk Line, 2 Giraldi Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940-0880 was and is the owner, time charterer and/or operator of M/V NEDLLOYD ADRIANA.

Name of Vessel : NEDLLOYD ADRIANA, v. 1314

Ports of Loading : Guayaquil

Port of Discharge : Rotterdam/Antwerp

B/L Numbers : MAEU866405892; MAEU866390821

Dated : October 28, 2013

Container Numbers : MRKU314770; MRKU2865347

MRKU2505084; MRKU3059325

Nature of Claim : Cargo Damage Claim Amount : \$33,302.95

Description of Shipment : Ecuadorian Cocoa Beans Shipper : La Nueva Casa del Cacao, SA

Consignee : General Cocoa/Molinbergnatie

*Our File No.* : 19261.00778

#### SCHEDULE C

### Plaintiff's legal status and place of business

Plaintiff, Starr Indemnity & Liability Company, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States, with an office and place of business at 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Plaintiff, General Cocoa, a division of Coffee America (USA) Corporation, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with offices at 30 Wall Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10005 is the importer of record and owner of the shipment described below.

### Defendants' legal status and place of business

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Defendant, A.P. Moller-Maersk trading as Maersk Line, is a corporation or other business entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the States of the United States with an office and place of business c/o Maersk Line, 2 Giraldi Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940-0880 was and is the owner, time charterer and/or operator of M/V MAERSK NITEROI.

Name of Vessel : MAERSK NITEROI, v. 1412

Ports of Loading : Guayaquil
Port of Discharge : Hamburg

 B/L Number
 :
 MAEU952093472

 Dated
 :
 September 30, 2014

Container Numbers : MRKU2569350; MRKU4585767

Nature of Claim : Cargo Damage Claim Amount : \$13,817.63

Description of Shipment : Ecuadorian Cocoa Beans

Consignee : General Cocoa/Quast & Cong GmbH

*Our File No.* : 19261.00781